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## Give Him Thanks

Let's be specific when we praise
The One Who blesses all our days;
The One Who from His gracious store
Pours on us mercies more and more;
The One Who gives us food and drink,
Hands for our tasks, and minds to think;
The One Who gives the bird its song,
The child his laughter; He Who long
Ages past formed earth and heaven;
Who now upholds it all, and even
Each moment gives the breath we
breathe

In loving kindness, though we grieve Him constantly by greed and strife, Evil and lust and self-filled life.

Let's be specific when we praise
The One Who blesses all our days.
Let's gladly own His holy name
And mouth no words that would lend
fame

To gods devised by wayward mind, Who hear not, know not, and are blind. Not "Power Supreme," or "God Unknown,"

Or "Thou Who Dost The Skies Enthrone,"

Or other buttery, unctuous phrases
Intoned with sanctimonious faces.
But let us heartily accord
Our thanks to Jesus Christ the Lord.
—D.M.T. in Now.



## Thanksgiving Time

Before this month ends this country will celebrate a holiday peculiar to this nation—a holiday not to commemorate a national victory or to honor a national hero, but a continuation of an observance entirely religious in its concept, yet national in its origin. A grateful people struggling to get their lives to take root on a new continent knew the stress of trail blazing, the strain of danger, the discipline of want, and the thankfulness for survival after the first year in a new world. They came to a new land in order to have religious freedom, and their thankfulness found expression in thanksgiving to the God they came to worship.

There is a difference between thankfulness and thanksgiving, though perhaps some mistake the former for the latter. Thankfulness is impersonal, often passive. Thanksgiving is thankfulness in action.

It is not presumption to assume that all ten lepers who were cleansed by the word of the Master were thankful to be delivered from a hopeless, living death that promised only misery to its victims. But only one returned to give thanks. And Jesus inquired, "Were there not ten cleansed, but where are the nine?" (Luke 17:17). One had received no more than the other nine. He expressed his thankfulness to the One Who was the giver of his deliverance. That is thanksgiving. And he, though his name is not known, is given a place in the Divine Record - commended for his proper response to the goodness of God.

As a nation we have much not only to be thankful for, but to give thanks for, to give thanks to the One from Whom these benefits and blessings come. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17).

As Christians, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, born again into the kingdom of God, children of the heavenly Father, we have still more for which to give God thanks. And those who have found that the infilling of the Holy Spirit of God is as real today is in the days of the Book of Acts, those

who have been baptized with and are filled with the Holy Spirit have even more for which to praise and thank God.

Jesus teaches the possibility of giving thanks when it is out of place to do so-a time when thanks to God is out of order. The Pharisee in Jesus' parable (Luke 18:11-14) gave thanks when he should have been repenting. He used thanks as an opportunity to exalt himself-if only in his own eyes-and as a chance to bask in the glow of self satisfaction. The Record says the story was told by Jesus to those "which trusted themselves that they were righteous, and despised others" (18:9). There was no justification in that kind of thanksgiving. True thanksgiving recognizes God, the goodness of God, the bounty of God, the love of God, and our lack without His provision.

May our thanksgiving be not only for a day, but always, and not tainted with self-complacency, but humbly recognizing and praising the One "from Whom all blessings flow."

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise" (Psalm 100:4).

—M.M.

#### Thanksgiving

O Thou, whose bounty fills my cup, With every blessing meet! I give Thee thanks for every drop— The bitter and the sweet.

I praise Thee for the desert road And the riverside; For all Thy goodness hath bestowed, And all Thy grace denied.

I thank Thee for both smile and frown, And for the gain and loss; I praise Thee for the future crown, And for the present cross.

-Unknown.

As you live you will die;
As you die you will live eternally.

—D. L. Moody.

Doctrinal correctness does not atone for unscriptural living.

We plow the fields and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,

The breezes and the sunshine, And soft refreshing rain.

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey Him,
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us His children,
He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food;
Accept the gifts we offer
For all Thy love imparts,
And, what Thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.
—Matthias Claudius.

Humility never sees its own beauty because it refuses to look at itself. It only wonders at the condescension of the Holy God, and rejoices in the humility of Jesus.—Andrew Murray.

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THE scarcity of meat has become a major political football in recent days. Black markets and spiraling prices has become the number one problem—"All that a man hath will he give for his life." The pursuits of food, clothing, and shelter are to the general populace the all-important questions. In the fourth chapter of John we behold the humanity of Jesus as well as His divinity. He who is the Bread of life began His ministry hungering. He who is the Water of Life ended His ministry thirsting. He had not where to lay His head; yet He is our rest, and we can find life in His death, and healing in His wounds.

I. Food for the Body . . .

As seen in the securing of water by the Samaritan woman and the purchasing of meat by the disciples. The disciples went to secure meat, but be not too quick to censure them as being carnal for the most spiritual must eat. God has provided material foods for this material body, and Christ recognizes the claims of our bodies. He provides food in a wilderness, and to one recently raised from the dead He commands; "Give her something to eat-." "What shall we eat?" "Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" are ever-recurring questions that are not overlooked and minimized but are evaluated and placed in their proper order (Matt. 6:25-33).

#### II. Food for the Soul . . . (Matt. 4:4).

"Life is more than meat, body more than raiment . . ." (Matt. 6:25). There is a mistaken notion that if we fare on the delicacies and wear purples and fine linens that we have reached that state of peace and satisfaction. "Bread . . . Meat," is the cry of the world. Yet there are hungering and thirsting that material foods can never satisfy. The Word of God is more necessary than our natural food—(Job 23:19). With the Word of God comes at least two things:

1. Revelation of New Truth.

2. Commandment to New Duties.

Each new truth reveals new duties. New duties must be grounded in truth else they will be done half-heartedly and superficially. There is satisfaction and nourishment when truth and duty become more important than comfort and luxury.

We must study the Word to learn the will of God. Slowness of spiritual perception is strikingly portrayed by John (2:20; 4:11; 3:4; 6:42,52). And

## Meat To Eat From Hidden Sources

By RAYMOND P. MURRAY (John 4:31-34)

in our text Christ seeks to teach that spiritual needs supersede material needs and there are spiritual refreshments which are little known. This secret, hidden nourishment satisfied our Lord and was manifested in service. There are two schools of thought concerning the fountain of service. The first group placing the emphasis on reason quotes such Scripture as Isaiah 1:18 and Romans 12:1-2. They further argue that man is superior to the beast because of his reasoning qualities. "No," says the second group, "Feelings, emotions must be the mainspring of service." Man's thoughts are not God's thoughts. "Can any by searching find out God?" they inquire. But Christ had no conflict with either school of thought. Christ never rebuked the wildest enthusiasm nor made light of the tenderest emotions. And neither do we find any unreasonable actions or demands of Christ. Yet He reenforced and reiterated Old Testament teachings when they placed the emphasis on the will. Acceptable service is conditioned on first the surrender of our wills to His. Throughout the Bible God promises: "I will if you will" (Lev. 19:5; 22:19, 29). And then in the 26th chapter of Leviticus He promises blessings "If thou wilt . . ." Judges 5:2—"Praise ve the Lord for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves." 1 Chron. 29:5-"Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" Service must be founded in the will. It will take more than reason, more than emotions to see a given task accomplished. There must first be a willingness, as shown forth in case of the Macedonians-(2 Cor. 8:5, 10-11). With this revealed will of God comes the call to action. Back of all knowledge (revealed truth) must be obedience to His will-(John 7:17). "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." Illustration: Mark 3:31-35.

To do the Father's will is food for the soul (John 4:34). As material food sustains and strengthens the body so doing the Lord's will sustains and strengthens

the soul. To do His will is not a burden but a delight, not a sacrifice but a pleasure. It is like food to the hungry and water to the thirsty.

Food does at least two things:—Satisfies inner craving: growth and strength. "My meat is to DO—." The most substantial nourishment is in *doing*—not talking it, but in doing the will of God. Our Lord's meat was to finish the work God had given Him (John 5:36; 6:38-40). Many have zeal to begin, but lack courage and strength to see the task finished. We should be too active to stagnate, too busy to freeze. We should be like Cromwell, who not only struck when the iron was hot, but made it hot by striking.

Christ's meat was in soul-winning. In this chapter, behold soul-winning surmounts racial and class distinctions. Here is a Jew speaking with a Samaritan. Here a man, a teacher, speaking publicly with a woman. Oh, friend, obedience to the will of God is more important than natural food. The woman forgets her earthen water pots to go tell others, Christ forgets earthly food, being so absorbed in winning souls. Let me hunger, let me thirst, but never let me

(1 John 2:17).

#### On to Pentecost

disobey God. May we cultivate a spirit-

ual appetite to feed on the will of God

Some of us stay at the cross, Some of us wait at the tomb, Quickened and raised with Christ, Yet lingering still in its gloom.

Some of us abide at the Passover feast, With Pentecost all unknown,

The triumphs of grace in the heavenly place

That our Lord has made His own.

If the Christ who died had stopped at the cross,

His work had been incomplete.

If the Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb.

He had only known defeat.

But the way of the cross never stops at the cross,

And the way of the tomb leads on To victorious grace in the heavenly place

Where the risen Lord has gone.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

### What Prayer Has Accomplished

By Mrs. J. H. CARVER

The earnest prayer of our Lord brought forth the hunger in the hearts of the disciples and the deep-rooted desire that they also be taught to pray—"Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). What beautiful words, yea, and more than that, what holy desire prompted this most fruitful of all requests, "Teach us to pray."

What is prayer? One writer has said that "prayer is the conscious union of the soul of man with God." Another has made this statement that "prayer is a child's petition to an all-wise, all-powerful, all-loving heavenly Father."

To pray, one does not have to utter words audible to any human ear; a groan, a deep desire of the soul, the faintest whisper might be a prayer. Many times our prayers are unutterable, as the deep unfathomable desires of the infinite through the Spirit are pressed upon the soul of finite man. "Likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered." What a glorious assurance of a weapon that cannot be defeated, of one who in spite of our infirmities (weaknesses) can pray through us, the definite will of God for the highest attainment of His will and present that petition at the throne of

James 5:16 tells us "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

What has prayer availed?

I. Prayer ushered in the first church (Acts 1:13, 14; Acts 2:1, 2).

Oh, glorious sound, heaven-sent answer that unified and bound together the first body of believers. The early church or body of believers was a holy church, active church, mighty church, serving church, fearful church, and last but not least, a *praying church*. Prayer anointed the church with authority (Acts 4:29).

II. Prayer opened the door to the Gentiles. Acts 10:9 gives us the wonderful narrative of Peter and the vision of the sheet knit at the four corners, preparing the way for the glad message of salvation and the outpouring of the

Holy Ghost to be preached to the Gentiles also. "For the promise is unto you . . . and them that are afar off" (Acts 2: 39). Wondrous acclamation bringing us redemption in this twentieth century.

III. Prayer offers protection and release. Herod the king, willing to vex certain of the church, killed James the brother of John with the sword and proceeded to take Peter also and put him in prison. This apprehension of Peter brought forth prevailing prayer of the church in his behalf. Acts 12:5-"Peter, therefore, was kept in prison, but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him." How marvellously his deliverance was wrought by the angel! What a glorious deliverance that can be wrought by a praying church, releasing the captives from the prison houses of sin causing them to rejoice in the new found assurance of salvation.

IV. Prayer brings revelation - John the revelator, though banished on the lonely Isle of Patmos for the testimony of Jesus, did not lose the vision of the power of prayer but was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day" and a door was opened for him in heaven, through which you and I have the sublime truths handed down to us. Many a Christian martyr though bound in chains, shut from the fields and air, has handed down to the millions of believers who have come after them immortal truths through the revelation of the Spirit. The body might be bound but the flight of the soul knows no bounds. John Bunyan's immortal book Pilgrim's Progress was written in a dungeon. He kept the open visionthe power of prayer.

V. Prayer brings about retributive justice.

"Will not God avenge His elect who cry day and night unto Him though He bear long with them?" (Rev. 8:4).

"And the smoke of the incense which came with the prayers of the saints ascended up before God out of the angel's hand." God's Spirit will not always strive with man. There comes a time when justice must be met. When the blood of the only Son of God continually is rejected, when unbelieving men continue to put lust upon the throne and purity is nailed to the cross,

Fine Feathers

It is not always the birds with the finest feathers that have the sweetest song. The peacock and the parrot have gorgeous plumage, but when they really show what they can do in the way of uplifting their voices, the first thing you want to do is to put your fingers in your ears. The thrush, the nightingale, and the lark have very dull coats, but when they begin to sing the air is filled with their melody. And it isn't always the people who look grandest or greatest who are the truest and best. We cannot judge by outward appearance only.

Great in Little Things

I think that the folk who are faithful in that which is least wear very radiant crowns. They are the people who are great in little tasks. They are scrupulous in the rutty roads of drudgery. They are the folk who, when they are trudging "through the valley of Baca make it a well." They win their triumphs amid small irritations. They are as loyal when they are wearing an apron in the kitchen as if they wore purple and fine linen in the visible presence of the King. They finish the obscurest bit of work as though it were to be displayed before an assembled heaven by Him who is Lord of Light and Glory. Great souls are those who are faithful in that which is least!

Our Lord Jesus lived for thirty years amid the happenings of the little town of Nazareth. Little villages spell out their stories in small events. And He, the young Prince of Glory, was in the carpenter's shop. He moved amid humdrum tasks, and petty cares, and village gossip, and the trifling trade, and He was faithful in that which is least. He wore His crown on other than state occasions. It never was off His brow.

-The Free Methodist.

justice must be meted out. Heb. 2:2— "For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

VI. Prayer ushers in Christ's king-

dom.

How beautifully significant that the last book in the Word of God closes with a promise from the bridegroom and an answering prayer from the heart of the bride, "Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus."

THE interesting word to which we are to give attention is the Greek word epieikes rendered "moderation" in our King James Version in Philippians 4:5, and "forbearance" in the R.V. The word is, as Dr. Adam Clarke hås well said, a word of very extensive signification. There is no word in the English language that adequately conveys the full meaning of the Greek word. Hence the difficulty that has been experienced by all the translators in translating it. They have searched in vain for a word to express the meaning of the apostle, and that they have failed is evident from the various ways in which the

word has been rendered.

Moffatt, Moulton, Young, Worrell, and Conybeare & Howson have followed the R.V. and the A.R.V. in translating the word "forbearance." In the Concordant Version it is rendered "lenience." By Weymouth and in the Twentieth Century New Testament it is rendered "forbearing spirit." In the Modern New Testament According to the Eastern Text, Translated from Original Aramaic Sources, by George M. Lamsa, it is rendered "humility." Dean Farrar renders it "reasonableness," as does Helen Barrett Montgomery in the New Testament in Modern English. In the Emphatic Diaglot it is rendered "gentleness," and in the Book of Books, the New Testament Complete and Unabridged, published by the United Society for Christian Literature in England, it is rendered "equity." The New Testament in Basic English renders it 'gentle behaviour," and Dr. Robert D. Weekes, "propriety of conduct."

Here we have ten different renderings, in addition to the rendering in the Authorized Version, giving us an idea as to the difficulty the translators have experienced in satisfactorily rendering the word into English.

The word in the Greek New Testament occurs just five times. Three times it is rendered "gentle," once it is rendered "patient," and once "moderation." The only other translations I have in which it is rendered in Philippians 4:5 as it is rendered in the King James Version are the Smith-Goodspeed translation and the latest Roman Catholic Version, which, by the way, is a very excellent translation by Roman Catholic scholars who evidently did their best to produce a version that could not be

### An Interesting Word

By J. NARVER GORTNER

charged with having been produced for the express purpose of propagating Catholic doctrine in contradistinction to Protestant truth. Desiring to procure a copy I went to a Roman Catholic book store in San Francisco, where I was frankly told it would be necessary for me to procure an order from my priest. As I did not know personally any Roman Catholic priest to whom to make application I had to apply through the only Priest I knew, namely, the Lord Jesus, "called of God an High Priest after the order of Melchisedec" (Heb. 5:10), and it was not long until He, through the facilities of the American Bible Society, placed a copy in my hands.

There is another Greek word that Dr. Adam Clarke tells us means exactly the same thing as does *epieikes*. The word is *epieikeia*. It is found just twice. In Acts 24:4 it is rendered "clemency," and in 2 Corinthians 10:1, "gentleness."

Dr. Macknight has given us the most complete and satisfactory definition of the word I have found. It is worth remembering. He says that "it means meekness under provocation, readiness to forgive injuries, equity in the management of business, candor in judging of the character and actions of others; sweetness of disposition, and the entire government of the passions." It will be seen at once that, if this is a satisfactory definition, there is no single word in our language that fully and adequately expresses the meaning of the word Paul used.

It means, in the first-place, meekness under provocation. It is easy to be meek when there is no occasion for provocation. But if we are meek then, and not when there is occasion for provocation, are we really meek? Have you ever noticed what God says about the meek? "The Lord lifteth up the meek" (Ps. 147:6). "The meek shall eat and be satisfied" (Ps. 22:6). "The meek shall inherit the earth" (Ps. 37:11; Matt. 5:5). "The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way" (Ps. 25:9). I quoted this last mentioned passage to a good sister at the camp meeting at St. Helena a few vears ago. She had asked me to pray that she might be guided in a certain

matter, and I prayed for her. Then I tried to help her by calling her attention to God's word. Having quoted this passage I noticed that a strange light came into her eyes. She said, "You could not have quoted a more suitable passage." Then she asked, "Do you know what my name is?" I said, "No, I do not recall that I ever met you before, and I have never heard your name mentioned." She said, "My name is Meek–Miss Meek." "The passage," I said, "is certainly for you, but it is not enough that Meek is your name; you must be meek; you must be what your name indicates," and I might have added that they only are truly meek who follow the injunction of the Master, "Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart."

It means, in the second place, readiness to forgive injuries. It is hard for some people to forgive. This is because they do not have a due appreciation of what God did for them when He forgave their sins and made them members of His family. How can one who does not forgive others pray the prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"? Every time he prays that prayer he asks his Father in heaven to refuse to forgive his trespasses. And where is the man among us who does not need forgiveness every day of his life? Each of us ought to commit to memory and repeat quite frequently Ephesians 4:29-32.

It means, in the third place, equity in the management of business. The Christian business man should conduct his business on a strictly Christian basis. And, whether we are business men or not, we cannot get through life without having something to do with business deals. And equity in all business deals must be the rule, the infallible rule, of every child of God. God not only expects it: He demands it. He said away back in the days of Moses, "That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Deut. 16:20). That was under the law, but God does not expect less righteousness under grace than He expected

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## Our Foreign Missionaries

#### • India

From Sister Inez Kreiss, whose work is at the B.C.H. Mission, Orai, Jalaun District, comes word that mail is more welcome than ever now that she is working alone, since her co-worker has returned to this country for furlough. For some time mail was held up by a postal strike but now correspondence is getting through. About the work there, she writes:

"Our work here continues about the same. Our little school began with over 100 students in attendance, and you always count at least one fourth or one fifth absent each day. Our teachers who had taken a course in child evangelism returned this year with a new vision and a real zeal and desire to see these children brought to the Lord. What a blessing it has been to me for them to take this interest. In prayer I had told the Lord I wondered how I could carry the load, how I could attend to the spirituality of the school and do all the other things besides. But before I had called He had answered by giving these teachers a vision of their responsibility towards these kiddies. You see, no one in India does more than he has to, and if he does he is looked down upon. So this is a real mark of grace in the lives of these teachers. Never, in India, do anything you do not get paid for; anyone knows that. The end of the week eight little hands were raised that their black hearts would be made white through the blood of Jesus. This week two raised their hands when the invitation was given. Remember, these are not Christians, but Hindu and Mohammedan children living in their homes but coming to us day by day.

"The evangelistic work is coming along about the same. Sometimes the reports are very encouraging. . . . One outstanding case since our return to the plains is that reported by our Bible women. They had visited in this home many times, but like many others they were more or less indifferent. Then one of the young men became interested and welcomed them as they came, stopping his work to hear the Word and what they sang. On the visit reported, he said, 'A man in white came to me when I was in trouble, real trouble, and both

times he came to me, said "Be not afraid." Now when I am not talking to others I pray in the name of Jesus and He hears me.' He had accepted the Man in White as the One the Christians had been telling him about.

"We have a number of inquirers. All have bought Bibles and are reading them. So many do that and will study and continue seeking until the light comes. Many even accept Jesus, but like the rich man go away sorrowing when He calls them to follow Him, for the price is heavy in Hindustan. Don't condemn them, but pray for them. We often say we have many spiritual children born to die. The world counts those they see. Mothers remember with love each child born."

#### • South India

From Brother and Sister Oliver L. Foth comes word of their activities in Coonoor, Milgiris, South India.

"It hardly seems possible that it is well over a year since we bade goodbye to friends and relatives on the West Coast of the U. S. and set our faces toward India. To some whom we have had opportunity to contact only occasionally since we left, it might be of interest to hear how the Lord has led us.

"When we left California the first of June 1945 the war was still in progress, but we had high hopes of sailing from New York almost immediately. Instead, we spent three hot, humid months in New York waiting for a ship. Up to that time it seemed that the Lord had constantly made the rough places smooth before us, and everything concerning our going to India had been undertaken for in a wonder way. But six weeks before we were to sail, our three-year-old boy, Dickie, developed a serious mastoid. Almost simultaneously our girl, Louanne, who is eight years old, took sick with a severe case of tonsilitis, and Sister Foth came down seriously ill with a streptococcus infection of the throat and had seven large boils (at one time) under one arm. Little did we realize it at the time, but this was the beginning of a series of trials that was to continue unabated for seven months. What seemed so strange to us (and yet it should not have) was that we had

scarcely had any sickness in our family for years. Then, suddenly, as we were to depart for India, these trials.

"Dickie's mastoid became very serious before we realized it. One of the finest specialists in New York City said that he must be operated upon immediately. I do not have the space to relate the entire story, but suffice it to say that our God wonderfully undertook for our little boy and no operation was necessary. So evident was the Lord's hand in the matter that the attending physician, a Jewish doctor, declared, 'God has helped!' And the specialists said, 'I don't know what has happened. but I must believe my eyes!' We knew what had happened. Our blessed Lord Jesus had stepped in on the scene.

"Only those who have experienced its can tell of the joy that fills a missionary's heart as he sets foot on the land of hiss calling. But how the enemy was too endeavor to quench that joy by some more of his fiery darts. Sister Foth'ss illness in New York, with an additional trying time in Cairo (a 24-day lay over), had left her in a weakened, anemic, and highly nervous condition. Her condition became progressively worse, until two physicians wondered if she would be able to stand India. For over threet months, every day seemed to be a battles against the powers of darkness, which were assailing from every hand. Wet will never be able to tell those of your who stood so wonderfully with us inprayer during that trying time, and also during Dickie's illness, what it means for missionaries to have prayer-helpers. Once again our Lord Himself stepped on the scene, and said, 'It is enough.' Sister Foth immediately began to improve and today is every whit whole. Those seven months were dark ones, but we found our precious Lord Jesus more real and present than we had ever known Him before. Praise His wonder ful name!

"Our main task . . . is to lay hold of the Tamil language, which is spoken in this part of India. One of the major languages of India, Tamil is considered to be one of the more difficult of the world's languages. It is spoken by almost 30 million people, who live in an area equal to approximately that of half of the State of California. Many parts of this area have either not been touched by the gospel of Jesus Christ, or touched so lightly by a passing evangelist or missionary, that there is very little evidence of Christianity in these sections.

"Though our main task at present is language study, the Lord has graciously opened many doors of ministry for us. We have had the opportunity to minister the Word on the average of once or twice every week. . . . He has been pleased to give us souls. In our first service in India, a few days after we arrived, six Indian young people surrendered their lives to Christ. . . . A short time ago, when conducting services in a church about 12 miles from here, in the church which C. T. Studd, that outstanding missionary-warrior pastored for six years about 40 years ago, the Lord wonderfully laid hold of the heart of a well educated Telugu Brahmin man and his entire family and saved all of them, with the exception of his wife. The Brahmins are the highest caste of the Hindus, and most of the leaders, officials, and religious leaders of India come from this caste. Very few of them ever really turn to the Lord Jesus Christ; so there is cause for rejoicing whenever there is any apparent fruit from among them."

#### Philippine Islands

Brother Pedro Z. Collado, long out of contact with this country because of the war, writes that once more he is enjoying the GLAD TIDINGS paper as it reaches him again with the news of the District and the other features of its contents, which he finds such a blessing after being long isolated from contact with others in this country. He writes:

"The work of the gospel is still going on in spite of all the miseries, hardships, and discouragements throughout the Philippines. By the grace of God I am pressing on. . . I wish I could attend the wonderful convention. I really need spiritual rehabilitation. Pray for me that I may be faithful unto Him who called me into the work."

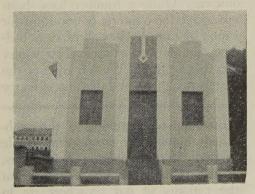
#### Brazil

Brother and Sister Bernhard Johnson are still busy for the Lord in Brazil. They write, in part: "We are busy getting ready for the convention and Bible

studies in Alfenas and the dedication of the new temple there in October. . . . About two weeks ago we had the joy of visiting the town of Carmo de Rio Claro. It is so far away, it seems as if it is at the end of the world up there. We are happy for the faithful saints. They shout the victory, and the Lord has blessed and kept them up to this present time. At the close of a long meeting, the people begged us to keep on with the service. One old witchcraft doctor attended the meeting. She cried during the whole meeting, and when we gave the invitation, she came forward and gave her heart to the Lord. The Christians told us she has been terrible to the believers and against the gospel. Praise the Lord, now she has been set free in Christ

"Lately we have been called to many private homes, to people who are interested in their souls' salvation and want to talk to us personally before they come to church. Many sick people are calling for us. Last night we had a meeting in Villa Barcelona. I started for the meeting early in the afternoon because I wanted to visit people who called me. Visited in eleven homes before the meeting and some of those visited went to the meeting with me. In one home was a girl, 18 years old, who had fallen into a well 20 meters deep and had been badly hurt. The home was full of visitors; so I took the opportunity to speak of Christ to them and prayed. They all thought our religion is beautiful because we do not use a book when we pray. The girl now has a great desire to serve the Lord."

Brother and Sister Johnson are kept busy traveling to the many churches in cities and towns and to small villages and farms on a circuit of ministry to many places.



Under the ministry of our Brother and Sister Bernhard Johnson this church was erected and dedicated in Paraguassu, Brazil, some months ago.

#### West Africa

Brother and Sister Harold Rhodes are now laboring in Freetown, Sierra Leone. They are with Brother and Sister Hemmingers, learning the Temene language and preparing to fill in when the Hemmingers return home on furlough. They write:

"It is certainly different here than in Monrovia. The city is much larger and more modern. The living conditions are really good and there are plenty of fresh vegetables in the markets. The cost of living is terribly high and it takes real planning to come out even. In the interior the folk have garden; however, in the city if one had the ground it would not be practical to try to raise anything as thieves are so bad. . . . We are staying with John and Daisy Kennedy. . . . They certainly know how to make us welcome. They live on a hill overlooking the town. . . . It is so lovely to look over the city with its white buildings and red roofs and to see the large steamers in the harbors . . .

"We had a very fine time in Monrovia and had a good introduction to the natives. They are certainly interesting and I know we are going to enjoy working with them."

#### • Peru

Sister Ruth Couchman is still busy in the work of the Bible school in Lima. She writes:

"We are coming to the end of an exceedingly busy vacation (?) period, that is, to the end of the interim between sessions at the Bible Institute. . . . During June and July Miss Blossom and I took a trip of about a thousand miles in order to visit a number of our Assembly of God churches, both in the mountains and along the north central coast of Peru. Most of the trip was made by bus, with one stretch of railroad, and then on horseback over very steep and dangerous mountain trails. The end of the wearisome road brought us to the town of LaPampa (The Plain), where we were to take part in a three-day regional fellowship meeting. We were glad we arrived a day early, both to rest the aching muscles unused to recent horseback travel, as well as to be on hand when the happy group of believers began to arrive. Some came walking over the steep mountains for a day or two. Others came from distant parts on horsebacktired but joyful in the Spirit. There were about 65 visitors beside the local

group.

"June, July, and August are the months when regional fellowship meetings, usually of three days duration, are held in various sections of the country. These meetings are a recent development in our church life in Peru and are providing a great blessing and stimulus to the work. In one such, away up at 15,000 feet above sea level, in the bittercold mining area of central Peru, a little church was dedicated. The story of its erection is interesting.

"A Peruvian mining engineer, educated, cultured, and worldly was working in this section. In his employ were some of the humble believers, whose lives were so different from those of the unsaved about them. One night the engineer had a dream in which he found himself building a church for the 'evangelicals.' Such a thought certainly had never entered the mind of Mr. Paredes in his waking hours. But this dream, unlike others so soon forgotten, haunted the engineer day after day until at last he went to where the believers were assembled and told them the disturbing revelation. 'Our pastor is away at present,' they answered. 'When he returns you will have to consult with him.' Upon Pastor Geronimo's arrival (Geronimo is one of the Bible school students, scarcely able to take time out to finish his studies because the need for workers is great in the cold mining area and the laborers are few), Mr. Paredes sought him out. The interview led to the whole-hearted conversion of the cultured engineer and a little later to the building of a very nice chapel for the use of the believers, among whom the builder simply counts himself 'a brother.'

"September third to seventh the sixth annual conference of the Assemblies of God of Peru was held here at the Bible school. There was a fine representation of ministers, delegates, and missionaries present to review the work of the past year and plan for further advance. A new constitution ample in scope for developing the work and workers was reviewed and unanimously approved. Two were ordained, five given license to preach, and three received exhorter's papers, bringing the total of the Peruvian brethren on the ministerial list to 52. . . Only 15 of them receive regular help toward their living expenses from outside the country, none of them adeW. M. C. Report

Have you been wondering about the China Relief barrels? Word has at last been received concerning them. I will quote from two letters received by Mrs. C. F. Ferguson, who was President of the W.M.C. group that did most of the packing of the used clothing.

Brother Glenn Dunn writes: "Brother Park and I have received the 46 drums and the bale of cloth. (This cloth was supplied by the Texas W.M.C.) As far as we know the shipment is in good order. The Hong Kong warehouse did not charge any storage because it is relief materials. The workers who have handled it express interest when they know that this is a shipment not for the profit of the shipper or consignee, but for their own people, to help relieve the lack of clothing. Not until I had chased over Hong Kong waving import and export license applications and waded through red tape, and Brother Park and I had sorted the drums did we realize the tremendous undertaking that you have carried through. Later we will be able to report something of the distribution of the goods. Give our love and greeting to all in the name of each individual who will receive something from the shipment. I wish to thank one and all who have had a part in getting out these supplies.

"We have heard that the distribution situation is very discouraging in Shanghai, but this is not so in South China as Sister Betsy Park writes: 'When we told the folks in Hong Kong church that we had brought them used clothing they were thrilled to pieces. We left quite a number of barrels for them to distribute. Sorry we couldn't have stayed to see the outcome. Quite a number have been asking me for comforts or coverings for winter as so many lost all of their bedding and are in dire need. Last winter they nearly froze. We left nine of the barrels at Canton, and they are so happy

quate support. A number of the established churches are co-operating whole heartedly in the support of their pastors, as well as with building programs, but the majority of our preachers are in difficult pioneer work where no support is forthcoming. . . . Pray for them . . ."

for the things. We hope to get some pictures of them giving out the garments. We are hoping to get the remainder not left at Canton shipped to other stations as they are writing for the barrels to be sent as soon as possible. The South China folks really do appreciate all the things and thank you very much. What they can't wear will be made into shoes. Yes, every bit of clothwill be used and nothing will be wasted. Again, many thanks for everything and may the Lord richly bless you for all your kindness and help!"

As W.M.C. Director, in behalf of those who gave clothing for China Relief I wish to extend thanks and appreciation to Brother and Sister C. F. Ferguson for their untiring efforts in packing and shipping the barrels and caring for all the "forty-leven" details in connection with this work. Thank you, Brother and Sister Ferguson, and God bless you in your new work.

Letters are being sent to your Sectional Chairman (your District Presbyter's wife or the one appointed for the office of Sectional Chairman) with lists of the home missionaries and suggestions for Christmas boxes and gifts. Be sure to contact your Sectional Chairman soon if she does not get word to you.

Special Note: All W.M.C. Groups

Mrs. R. J. Thurmond, Director.

## Ninth Annual FILIPINO CONVENTION

November 5 to 8, 1946

Brother W. T. Gaston will be the main and guest speaker at the regular annual convention which will be held again this year in San Jose at the Upper Room Pentecostal Mission, where Brother Max Freimark is the pastor. Brother R. J. Thurmond will also be one of the speakers. Brother E. C. Lagmay, president of the Filipino Branch of the Assemblies of God, extends a cordial invitation to everyone to attend.

Facts are the fingers of God. To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest.—A. T. Pierson.



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#### The Campground

By The Superintendent

No doubt many in our great Glad Tidings family will appreciate a little up-to-date information concerning our new camp development. Those who have tried to get anything done of late will be able to understand when we report that work on the grounds has been slower by far than we expected. We deeply appreciate the patience of those who would like to select a lot and get building operations under way. You have been generous and understanding, and for this we are indeed grateful. Everything possible is being done to speed the work along, but we must solicit your continued patience and

The heavy road work with the bull-dozer is finished, but a short delay is necessary to get the culverts in place after which the shaping, rolling, and oiling process will begin. This finishing process should not require a great deal of time. Perhaps you will be pleased to learn that the committee has decided to spend more time and money on the roads than we anticipated in the beginning. This will necessitate the raising of additional funds, but it will preserve the roads and save money in the end.

Surveying such projects is more involved and requires more time than can be appreciated by the average citizen. The preliminary map work is now finished and the actual lot survey is under way. According to the rather strict regulations that govern such developments we will not be able to open the tract until the whole subdivision is surveyed and receives the official okay of the County Planning Commission.

The engineer's report indicates that our water supply is adequate. A study is being made of the cheapest and best method of getting water to all the lots in the subdivision.

The Power and Light Company has informed me that they, too, are behind in their commitments but that they will provide light and power at the earliest possible moment.

The interest in this camp site and Christian community set-up seems on the increase, and many are waiting the signal to look over the plot and select their lots. I am wondering if a goodly number of these interested friends could be prevailed upon to send in a pledge of \$100 or more (more is needed and would be appreciated) to help in the cost of getting the tract ready. Perhaps others who have already sent their deposits in would be happy to increase the amount if they understood that there was a definite need. We are now dangerously low in this camp fund, and speedier and more generous co-operation from the friends of this project will be necessary before the work can be carried to completion. After all, the more we send now when the need is urgent, the less we will have to get together when the lots are selected. May we hope for a generous response from all those who are interested in seeing this subdivision opened without further delay.

At this writing there is little to report concerning the prospects for selling the St. Helena campground. The property has been listed and advertised, but thus far we have had no offers.

I am concerned that our national radio program, "Sermons in Song," shall have wider publicity and more generous support in our District. Are you seeking to be helpful in building a larger listening audience or in sharing a wee bit in the financial load? Would it not be a thing well pleasing to God if pastors who are not pressed with local obligations would arrange to send a definite amount each month for the maintenance

## Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

November 4—Arcata, Ceres,
Greenville, Rio Dell
11—San Francisco (Sunset), Winters
18—Healdsburg, Lower
Lake, Tranquillity
25—Gridley, Morgan
Hill
December 2—Lovelock, Ripon

#### With the Lord

Death came suddenly to our Brother Crittenden N. Owens on October 11 when a train struck his car at a crossing near Marysville. Apparently Brother Owens did not see the oncoming train as he drove onto the tracks.

Both Brother and Sister Owens have held District license with us since June 1945. Let us remember to pray for Sister Owens and the family to whom we extend our sincere heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their great loss.

Brother Gaston and Brother Thurmond participated in the funeral services conducted in Oroville on October 18. Ministers in that section were honorary pallbearers.

and expansion of this radio ministry from headquarters.

The annual District Council session will open at Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, with a grand rally the evening of January 27. Plan to be present for this first service if possible. The Council proper will convene at 10:00 a.m. on the 28th, and will continue through the 31st. Put these dates on your calendar and watch against anything that might interfere with a full four days of fellowship and business for God.

## Here and There

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BERKELEY – Evangelist and Mrs. Wm. Tavares had a good revival campaign with Pastor Eleanor M. Johnson recently, ending in early October.

BOYES SPRINGS—Brother Charles Pepper, who has been doing evangelistic work in the District the past few months, is the new pastor, succeeding Brother W. C. Robinson.

CENTRAL VALLEY—Reports Pastor E. W. Squires: "We have enjoyed a very good two-weeks' meeting with Brother Jack Wein of Redding. The saints were refreshed and visibly drawn closer to God while the Spirit was convicting sinners. Good attendance marked all of the services which were held September 1 to 15, and the revival is still going on with the manifestations of the Spirit in our services. The church building has been raised. A foundation is being put under it and plans for other improvements are under way."

CORNING—Sister Frances Ferguson held a week's meeting there following camp meeting. This meeting was followed by two weeks of meetings with Brother O. H. Carrell of Madera. Four received the baptism of the Spirit during these services. The church building, 35 x 70 feet, built of concrete blocks, was dedicated September 26. Valued at close to \$10,000, the building is practically without debt. During the first year of the existence of the church the Sunday school attendance has averaged 50. W. F. Freeman is the pastor. Brother and Sister Ray Parks were guest speakers Sunday, September 18.

DUNSMUIR — Brother L. H. Bacheller, at the present pastor of the work at Happy Camp, has been in very good revival meetings, which have been well attended and enjoying the blessings of the Lord upon them, since early October. R. E. Cull is the pastor.

EUREKA—Evangelist O. H. Carrell recently held a two-weeks meeting with Pastor J. W. Belcher.

HEALDSBURG — Evangelist George Day held good meetings for two weeks with Pastor Seth Hartman. Chester Kenworthy is assistant pastor and active in the young people's

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HOLLISTER—The Coast Counties fellowship meeting was held there September 23. Pastor Marion Minogue reports having a glorious day with the presence of the Lord manifest at both services. Pastor Charles Coffey of the Pajaro church at Watsonville was the afternoon speaker. The evening speaker was Evangelist Walter Smith.

KLAMATH—Brother Elmer C. Shively is supplying the pulpit during the absence of Pastor and Mrs. N. R. Ingram who have been enjoying a six-weeks vacation as Brother

Ingram recovers his health.

LAS VEGAS—On September 29 Pastor John F. Green concluded a two-weeks' revival meeting with Evangelist Richard Emerson of Laramie, Wyoming. Two were saved and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit

with Evangelist W. T. Stallings of Live Oak, Pastor E. W. Knutson writes: "There was no doubting of God's blessing upon every service. Ten were filled with the Spirit and many others were refilled. Many were saved from their backslidings and some who had never known Him found Christ real to their hearts. Testimonies of instant healings gave many a new faith in God's love. Many outsiders took new interest in the work of the church. The many children who received the baptism of the Spirit were an inspiration to all. God's Holy Spirit impressed all with the truth of the soon coming of our blessed Saviour."

LOS BANOS—The South San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there September 16. The pastor is Maurice Contreras.

LOWER LAKE—Pastor Ella M. Beare reports having a good meeting for two weeks with David Slankard as the evangelist. She writes: "Our church and Sunday school grew while he was here. He worked on the building the days when we had no services. . . . I believe he would be one who could be recommended to any church."

MENLO PARK-Evangelists Eck and Lucas started revival meetings with Pastor

G. A. Fletcher October 15.

MODESTO (Bethel) — Evangelist Kirk Soper and his sister Rose Mae held revival meetings in September for Pastor Donald G. Weston. James Kessler and Roy Blakeley are assistant pastors.

MODESTO (So. Modesto Acres)—Brother Neal supplied the pulpit for a few weeks while Pastor and Mrs. Chas. F. Parker took a trip to Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and

Texas.

MONTEREY — Pastor Mary Avila reports that the Lord blessed in a wonderful way and souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and many were healed during the seven weeks of revival meetings at Oak Grove Gaspel Tabernacle, held by Evangelist Wm. Tavares.

OAKDALE – Evangelist Edward Klinsky will begin a revival campaign on November

10 with Pastor E. L. Spilman.

OAKLAND (Bethel)—Beginning October 8, Pastor Donald G. Weston of Modesto held a week's meeting which was enjoyed by all in attendance. The annual missionary convention began October 20 (too late for report in this issue) with Brother Noel Perkin the speaker the first two days, and Brother Glen

Horst the speaker for the remainder of the convention. R. H. Moon is the pastor.

OAKLAND (Calvary)—Construction has started on the remainder of Calvary Temple on East 14th Street. V. Ernest Shores is the

OAKLAND (East Oakland Full Gospel Tabernacle)—The East Bay fellowship meeting was held there October 7. Brother Frank Smith, formerly U.S. army chaplain, now teaching at Glad Tidings Bible Institute, was the afternoon speaker. Evangelist T. B. Don Carlos was the speaker for the evening service. The pastor is Fred Atwell.

OAKLAND (First Church)—On October 6 Brother Gaston and Brother Thurmond were present and took part in the farewll service which concluded Brother C. F. Fergu-

son's ministry there as pastor.

OAKLAND (Revival Tabernacle) — The church has been moved from its former location at 239 Twelfth Street to its new quarters at 415-421 Tenth Street, near Broadway. They now have a much better location and are in a building of their own. The pastors is Cecil L. Lowry.

PACIFIC GROVE — Evangelist Walters Smith held a good campaign for Pastor Orall

Hart in September.

PALO ALTO—Bob Carrington was the afternoon speaker and Brother Gaston was the evening speaker at the Peninsula fellowship meeting held in Glad Tidings Tabernacle on October 14. It was a splendid day of fellowship and blessing for all who attended. In early October Paul Peterson, Youth for Christ leader in San Francisco and of Northern California, held special meetingss with fine results. R. J. Renfroe is the paston.

PLACERVILLE—Brother C. R. Peterson has resigned as pastor. The farewell services was held October 6. Sunday school attendance increased during Brother and Sisters Peterson's two years of ministry there, and I considerable work was done in and around I the church. Brother G. O. Hall is supplying the pulpit at the present time.

RICHMOND—The ground on which the new church is being erected was dedicated in a special service held on the site Sunday afternoon, October 13. Concrete for the foundation is being poured and construction is getting well under way. C. Ely Persing is a

the pastor.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel) — Horace F. Dean, president of the Christ for America Program, was visiting speaker on October 20. The new Sunday school annex has been completed sufficiently so as to accommodate the new classes. There are 14 new classer rooms and two large auditoriums, which can accommodate 300 additional Sunday school students. The Sunday school attendance has reached an average of 400 during the pasting year. Last year's average was 300, and the year before it was 200. Since the last report, 35 new members have been taken into the church. Nelson E. Hinman is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings) — Evangelist George Hayes had a good twoweeks' revival campaign in the temple in

early October for Pastor L. R. Keys.

SANTA CRUZ-Writes Pastor Raymond P. Murray: "Revival is on! Sunday night a week ago there were two saved, and during the week a lady was filled with the Holy Ghost in the home of one of our members. Just the two of them were praying together. Last Sunday night five knelt at the altar for salvation. Saints lingered around the altar until midnight. There is no visiting evangelist. Yesterday we secured a 1942 Dodge bus for our Sunday school. The architect is at work on our new church plans. Just came from prayer meeting . . . a backslider was reclaimed and gloriously refilled."

SONORA-The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held there October 7.

H. A. Hampton is the pastor.

SUNNYVALE - Evangelist Walter H. Smith is in good revival meetings with Pastor C. O. Wood.

TUOLUMNE-The church has purchased a lovely new parsonage recently. Mrs. Dixie Thollander is the pastor.

UKIAH-Evangelist Arthur Otteson began a revival campaign with Pastor J. R. Edgar on October 5.

VALLEJO-"Souls saved and general blessing and new interest was stirred in Sunday school work during the ministry of Evangelist L. W. Suter." Brother Suter filled the pulpit during Pastor E. J. Cornwall's vaca-

#### Personal Mention

Brother and Sister ERIC M. JOHN-SON are in the Middle West. Brother Johnson began a campaign in East St. Louis on September 15. On the way east he was speaker in services in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Amarillo, Texas; and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Evangelist STANLEY P. McPHER-SON held a revival campaign in Sioux City, Iowa, October 6 to 20. From there he is scheduled to go to Kansas City to Brother A. A. Wilson's church.

Evangelists JULIA PETERSON and RUTH BERTENSHAW recently held a campaign in Confidence, Iowa, following which meeting they began services in Mexico, Missouri.

Brother M. T. DRAPER held a revival meeting in National City in October. The first week the Sunday school attendance jumped 40, and they were expecting a continued increase in number. Brother and Sister Draper expect to be in Modesto with Pastor Walter Larson in November.

#### Lost a While

We express heartfelt sympathy and assurance of prayer in their behalf to Brother and Sister Vernon L. Klemin, who have suffered the loss of little Norman Eugene, their second son, who has been transplanted from the world of time to the realms of eternity, to the presence of the Blesser of little children. Norman was three years and nine months old when death came in Stanford Hospital after several weeks of critical illness, which climaxed six months of poor health that began at the time he suffered a fall while his parents were still in Manteca, Brother Klemin then being the pastor there.

Brother and Sister Klemin wish to express appreciation to all the friends in the District who have known of the trial through which they have been passing and have been praying for Norman. The sustaining grace of the Great Comforter has been real through trying

#### New Arrival

Arriving on her mother's birthday, little Marilyn Rae arrived October 6 to join the family circle of Pastor and Mrs. B. G. Syverson, now of Stanfield, Oregon.

Giving is not just man's way of raising money, it is God's way of raising men.

Granted that occasionally people cannot be in time for meetings, and granted that it is better late than never, yet the revival Christian who reverences God's house and considers the feelings of others always make the greatest effort to be punctual at every service.

Worship arrives in time for divine service, but Curiosity strolls in at any

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State of California, County of San Francisco, ss. Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Marjorie Maddocks who, fiaving been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the editor of the Glad Tidings and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the action of August 24, 1912, as amended by the act of March 3, 1923, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and regulations, to wit:

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of October, 1946.

R. A. ANDERSON.

(Seal) (My commission expires May 19, 1947.)

Our Whole Burnt Offering

When I looked into his face and saw him brush back his hair from his brow, heard him speak of the trials and conflicts and the victories, I said: "General Booth, tell me what has been the secret of your success." He hesitated a second, and I saw the tears come into his eyes and steal down his cheeks; and then he said: "I will tell you the secret. God has had all there was of me to have. There have been men with greater opportunities; but from the day I got the poor of London on my heart, and a vision of what Jesus Christ could do, I made up my mind that God would have all of William Booth there was. And if there is anything of power in the Salvation Army today, it is because God has had all the adoration of my heart, all the power of my will, and all the influence of my life." I learned from William Booth that the greatness of a man's power is the measure of his surrender. -Wilbur Chapman.

Group at baptismal service at the river by Isleton. Brother H. Suan, who has been pastor of this work among the Filipinos in that section, is now ready to sail for the Philippines. Sister Blossom Gregorian, also in the picture, started the work in Rio Vista and is the pastor.





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#### The Valley of Decision

By Dan Flaming

(Brother Flaming is pastor in Gustine and is the Sectional Chairman of the South San Joaquin area. He is planning a C.A. vesper service for every fellowship meeting. He is looking forward to having more and better rallies, and plans to advertise extensively in the immediate community where the rallies are held. Let us pray that his goal may be accomplished.)

—R. C.

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision."—Joel 3:14

A short but most wonderful time of my life I have spent walking hand

Dan Flaming

in hand with the Lord, and it has been blessed all the way. But in these last few years there have been issues arising before young people, especially those of C.A. age that have caused many to make decisions

vital enough to determine their soul's destiny, and some have not been made completely in accord with the will of God. Perhaps we can say that the reason for such tremendous testing is an indication that the day of the Lord is drawing near.

In the Old Testament we read of a young man who was enticed and allured to forsake the faith of his fathers, who had believed in the true worship of the living God. "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the King's meat," (Dan. 1:8). If Daniel in the days of law was able to withstand the temptation and was able to make a decision like that for God, surely we in the day of grace and the reign of the Holy Spirit ought to be able to overcome. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20).

I am convinced that if we are determined to live for God, we will be able to

#### Faith In the Youth of Today

By Bob Carrington

More properly the little message I want to convey should be entitled Faith in the Pentecostal Youth of Today or yet more clearly and specifically Faith in our Christ's Ambassadors. Everywhere pastors, evangelists, leaders are asking, "Where does our church go from here?" "Are our young people going to be so wrapped up in modernistic tendencies and social activities and crowd-inducing methods that the great doctrines we have preached and the mighty soul-stirring revivals that we have witnessed will fall into insignificance and our efforts will have died also with our passing?"

Many are wondering if this generation will be satisfied with going through the forms of church services rather than to be dependent on the moving of the Spirit of God.

I know there are grave questions in the minds of many of our brethren and particularly our older brethren. They have reason to have questions, for there has been an unprecedented tendency among modern church youth to seek for new paths and new methods. There is a growing tendency to substitute forms for power and the social for the spiritual, head religion for heart religion. Many of our youth raised and reared in Pentecost are lacking in Pentecostal experience. They have been born "in the fire," but the fire has not touched their lips. Where, then, is this to lead us? Is it possible that tomorrow we will be

do so. The Scripture says, "He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world," and "If God be for us, who can be against us." If you are being tried beyond measure, let me point you to Phil. 1:6—"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

just another movement that has suddenly sparked, blazed, and then died down to smoldering embers? What is the answer?

Here it is. It is God's Word. This Pentecostal movement will not, must not, cannot die. It is ordained of God. Let us read carefully Acts 2:17-18. Notice the place of youth in these verses, "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." Again let me repeat, the place of youth is emphasized. God is going to use the young men and the handmaidens to carry forth this powerful Pentecostal message. This movement will not fail. If I believe the Bible, I must believe this. If I believe the Pentecostal experience is for today, I must believe it. If I believe we are living in the last days, I must have faith in our youth.

This is God's answer to the debasing debauchery of today. It is God's answer to juvenile delinquency. It is God's answer to a world living in wickedness surpassing that of Sodom. "For where sin doth abound grace doth so much the *more* abound."

Brethren, you who are despairing what the future of our movement will be should Jesus tarry, take courage. God still has faith in the youth of today. He is still going to pour out His Spirit as in your day.

Young people, Pentecostal youth, we have faith in you. God Himself has faith in you. Accept the challenge! Be filled with the Spirit! This is your day!

You cannot make footprints on the sands of time by sitting down.

How to Enjoy the Bible

Dr. Howard W. Pope tells the story of a young lady who read a book, and having completed it remarked that it was the dullest book she had read in many a day. Not long after this experience she met a young man, and in the course of time their friendship ripened into love and they became engaged. During a yisit in the home of his fiancee one evening, she said to him, "I have a book in my library which was written by a man whose name and even initials are precisely the same as yours. Is not that a singular coincidence?"

"I do not think so," he replied.

"Why not, pray?"

"For the simple reason that I wrote the book."

Dr. Pope concludes the story by remarking that the young lady sat up until the early morning hours to read the book again, and when it was completed it seemed to her the most interesting book she had ever read. It wasn't dull at all. She found it fascinating. The secret? She knew and loved the author!

You will enjoy the greatest of all books, the Bible, God's Word, if you love the Author. "We love Him because He first loved us."—Taken from *Christian Life*.

#### Misspent

"And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun." II Kings 23:11.

How stupid it was to give away horses to the sun! What waste of mind and material to worship the sun god. Yet we ourselves need to take care that we do not give away that which is valuable unto that which is valueless. Valuable hours can be given away to the goddess of pleasure. Valuable weeks can be given away to the goddess of adventure. It is well for us to ask ourselves, Am I wasting my time? I am as a sailor bound for a distant port. Am I delaying the voyage? I am as a climber scaling the heights of God. Am I neglecting my opportunities of progress? Am I squandering valuable time and talents? Am I squandering on other things that which should be given to God? Squandered things have reduced many from the highest grade of the best to the lower grade of the good. What a pity that some who might become generals in the army of God never reach a higher rank than captain.

In the Interest of the

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Ten Commandments for Sunday School Workers

1. Thou shalt be a man—or a woman. Men are seeking better methods but God is seeking better men.

2. Thou shalt be a leader.

A leader goes before those he leads but is not separated from them.

3. Thou shalt have a vision.

Every superintendent, every teacher should have two schools, two classes, one in his head—the other in the building.

4. Thou shalt have faith.

Faith in God, His Word and His work, faith in the church and the Sunday school are essentials for every worker. We need faith in ourselves, too, because God has a place for each of us in carrying out His plan.

5. Thou shalt be loyal.

Be loyal to your church, your pastor, your associates, your vision and ideal—but most of all to our Lord's command, "Teach all nations."

6. Thou shalt be a student.

This means study, reading, and thinking

7. Thou shalt be ambitious.

This means to have a high aim—not ambition for self preferment, but ambition for the cause. Our schools will never surpass our aim and our ambition for them.

8. Thou shalt be enthusiastic.

Enthusiasm is the greatest business asset in the world. Enthusiasm is being awake. Enthusiasm is nothing more than faith in action, and it achieves the impossible.

9. Thou shalt be patient.

Milton said, "Patience is the exercise of saints and victor over all that tyranny or fortune can inflict. . . . He who can have patience can have what he will."

10. Thou shalt be humble.

Great hearts are always humble.

A New Commandment

Thou shalt have love.

Not a sickly, sentimental love but a love that recognizes our true relationship to God. Such a love drives us to our tasks for Him.

-The Gospel Herald.

**Sunday School Facts** 

Sixty per cent of Sunday school enrollment is composed of children.

Eighty per cent of all the Protestant churches in the United States today

were first Sunday schools.

Ninety-seven per cent of all Protestant preachers were first members of the Sunday school before their conversion, and through its influence were led to attend church, hear the gospel and become Christians, and eventually ministers of the gospel.

Eighty-five per cent of Protestant church members were members of the Sunday school before their conversion and were led to be saved, unite with the church and become Christian workers, largely through the influence of the

Sunday school.

Fifty per cent of all the unsaved people who attend our churches are members of the Sunday school; hence the Sunday school is providing the church with one half of its prospects for salvation and church membership.

It has been estimated that more than fifty per cent of our Bible knowledge was acquired through the Sunday

school.

Ninety-eight per cent of all Sunday school-trained boys and girls never get into serious trouble or crime. The vast majority of criminals never attended Sunday school.

#### We Thank Thee

"Be thankful unto Him."-Ps. 100:4.

We offer Thee, O Lord, our thanks
For ties of sincere friendship here,
For handclasps warm, and comrades true,
And for the kindly words of cheer.

We would not be ungrateful, Lord, For goodly blessings from Thy throne; But render unto Thee our thanks, And all Thy tender mercies own.

Hear, then, our heart's acknowledgement For all things from Thy bounty giv'n; And let the fruitage of our lips

Accepted be in yonder heav'n.

-William Burton McCafferty.

#### **Talkativeness**

"He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of a cool spirit."—Prov. 17:27 (R.V.).

Talkativeness is utterly ruinous to deep spirituality. The very life of our spirits passes out in our speech, and hence all superfluous talk is a waste of the vital forces of the heart. In fruit growing it often happens that excessive blossoming prevents a good crop, and often prevents fruit altogether; and by so much loquacity the soul runs wild in word bloom, and bears no fruit. I am not speaking of sinners, nor of legitimate testimony for Jesus, but of that incessant loquacity of nominally spiritual persons -of the professors of purifying grace. It is one of the greatest hindrances to deep, solid union with God. Notice how people will tell the same thing over and over -how insignificant trifles are magnified by a world of words: how things should be buried are dragged out in gossip; how a worthless non-essential is argued and disputed over; how the solemn deep things of the Holy Spirit are rattled over in a light manner-until one who has the real baptism of divine silence in his heart, feels he must unceremoniously tear himself away to some lonely room or forest, where he can gather up the fragments of his mind, and rest in God.

Not only do we need cleansing from sin, but our natural human spirit needs a radical death to its own noise, activity,

and wordiness.

See the evil effects of so much talk: First, it dissipates the spiritual power. The thought and feeling of the soul are like power and steam—the more they are condensed, the greater their power. The steam that if properly compressed would drive a train forty miles an hour, if allowed too much expanse, would not move it an inch; and so the true action of the heart, if expressed in a few Holy Ghost selected words, will sink into the minds to remain forever, but if dissipated in any rambling conversation is likely to be of no profit.

Second, it is a waste of time. If the hours spent in useless conversation were spent in secret prayer or deep reading, we would soon reach a region of soul life and divine peace beyond our present

dreams.

Third, loquacity inevitably leads to saying unwise, or unpleasant, or un-

profitable things. In religious conversation we soon churn up all the cream our souls have in them, and the rest of our talk is all pale skim milk, until we get alone with God, and feed in His green pasture until the cream rises again. The Holy Spirit warns us that "in the multitude of words there lacketh not sin." It is impossible for even the best of saints to talk beyond a certain point, without saying something unkind, or severe, or foolish, or erroneous. We must settle this personally: if others are noisy and gabby, I must determine to live in constant quietness and humility of heart! I must guard my speech as a sentinel does a fortress, and with all respect for others, I must many a time cease from conversation or withdraw from company to enter into deep communication with my Lord. The cure for loquacity must be from within; sometimes by an interior furnace of suffering that burns out the excessive effervescence of the mind, or by an over-mastering revelation to the soul of the awful majesties of God and eternity, which puts an everlasting hush upon the natural faculties. To walk in the Spirit we must avoid talking for talk's sake, or merely to entertain. To speak effectively we must speak in God's appointed time and in harmony with the indwelling Holy Spirit. - Author Unknown, - Full Gospel Tidings.

#### Science and the Bible

Scientists tell us that there are nearly a hundred elements in the make-up of our world. These elements have affinities and aversions, and are the playgrounds of opposing forces, yet with all their pulling and pushing there is a nicety of balance that is amazing to thinkers.

Certainly if any one of a dozen elements that could be named were taken away, earth would be a desert. God has just the right number, in the right proportion, and they behave in exactly the right way so that all the pulls balance

all the pushes.

Without lime there could be no bones. Without oxygen there could be neither air nor water. Without nitrogen there could be no life. If there were too much of any one of a dozen elements that could be named, or if some deadly poisons were made harmless by locking them together, life would be impossible—the world would choke us, poison us, burn us, or blow us up.

Most of what man knows he learned from some other person's experiments or mistakes, and after a fourth of his life is spent in school, man fumbles with the mysteries of life and matter—sometimes with an air of profundity. God

served no apprenticeships.

If the melting point of ice were slightly lower, if the earth were tilted otherwise than it is, if the highlands were higher, if the atmosphere were thinner or shallower, if the sun were smaller, cooler, or farther away life on earth would soon be destroyed.

-B. H. Shadduck, Christian Victory.

#### Hints to Prospective Soul Winners

By Myer Pearlman

1. Be reliable.

2. Go out of your way to help others.

3. Don't show off knowledge.

- 4. Avoid acting superior to your associates.
- 5. Do not exaggerate statements.
- 6. Do not make fun of people behind their backs.

7. Avoid sarcasm.

- 8. Avoid a domineering attitude.
- 9. Keep clothing neat and tidy.

10. Don't be "nervy."

11. Avoid a vulgar attitude toward opposite sex.

12. Judge not.

- 13. Don't tell jokes that will embarrass another publicly.
- 14. Don't try to have your own way.
- 15. Don't lose your temper.
- 16. Don't be argumentative.

17. Smile pleasantly.

- 18. Don't talk continuously.
- 19. Avoid prying into other people's business.
- 20. Do not ask unnecessary favors.

21. Avoid flattery.

- 22. Avoid talking about personal troubles.
- 23. Do not spread gossip.
- 24. Don't stand on your platform.
- 25. Be enthusiastic.
- 26. Avoid laziness.
- 27. Avoid nagging others.

Uninteresting, solitary, monotonous as your life may seem, it is an object of interest to God and angels.—Dods.

#### Interesting Word

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under law. Every man is entitled to a square deal; and the golden rule, let us not forget, is in our Lord's Sermon on the Mount, and is binding upon us all.

It means, in the fourth place, candor in judging of the character and actions of others. It is said that Alexander of Macedon was wounded by a sword in one of his hard-fought battles. There was an ugly scar on his right temple. A noted artist was commanded to paint his picture. And the artist sketched him leaning upon his right elbow, his head resting upon his hand, and the forefinger of that hand covering the scar. The painting, when finished, was true to life, but the scar was not seen. Would it not be well if we, in speaking or thinking of others, would cover their faults with the finger of charity? It may be that what we regard as a serious blemish is but a scar that represents a wound that was received in a battle with the enemy. And may it not be true that if we had been in that battle we might have suffered more serious loss?

It means sweetness of disposition. How we need it! It is needed in the home, in the office, in the marts of trade, in the school, in the pulpit, and everywhere. And there is a dearth of it, a greater dearth than there should be. A gentleman was stroking the head of a little boy. "You are a fine little fellow," he said, and then added, "I suppose you are going to grow up to be a man just like your father." And the little fellow looked up innocently, and said, "That's what Ma is afraid of." Many a mother would not like her little son to grow up to be a man just like his father. And fathers are not the only people who are frequently ill-natured. A lack of sweetness of disposition characterizes multitudes of both sexes, and is in evidence almost everywhere every day.

Finally, it includes the entire government of the passions. "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city" (Prov. 16:32). Paul says, "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection," or as Moffatt renders it, "I maul and master my body." How often in the Word of God carnality is spoken of as the flesh! The multitudes of this old world are dominated by the lusts of the flesh. And there is little difference

between educated flesh and uneducated flesh, between refined flesh and unrefined flesh. It is all *flesh*. And "that which is born of the flesh is flesh." That is the great reason why the second birth is absolutely necessary. God has made it possible for all of us, under grace, to possess that which will make it possible for us to be masters of ourselves under all circumstances.

God has made the possession of epieikes a possibility. It is a part of the equipment of every born-again individual, for he who has been regenerated has been made a partaker of the divine nature that he may escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. But it is not enough that we possess it; we must let it be in evidence that others may see it, and glorify God. If we fail to do so, we shall merit judgment, as Moses did when he failed to sanctify God in the eyes of the people. See Numbers 20:12. Hence Paul says, "Let your epieikes be known unto all men." How can we do this? By letting the grace of God operate through us to that end at all times, in all places, and under all circumstances.

#### **Current Signs**

(Continued from page 16) brag that it took the police five months to get them.

What is to blame for this outbreak of violence among children? High among the reasons the police assign is the lack of discipline in homes and schools.

Almost to a man they favor one measure to remedy the situation. It is this: Whenever a child destroys property, be it a car, a church or a school let the parents be made to foot the bill. In every case where a child is arrested, let the parent also be brought into court and fined for neglect. Without any exception he should be fined for allowing a young child to be out after dark.

One western city recently passed such a law. When a child is found on the streets after eight, and gets into trouble, the parents are brought in and fined \$50. As a result, crime by children has dropped more than 75 per cent.

Discipline should be restored to the home, and to the schools. Somebody ought to be putting the fear of God into the children of America. — (Reader's Digest).

#### The Layman

Leave it to the ministers
And soon the church will die.
Leave it to the women folk,
The young will pass it by.
For the church is all that lifts us
From the coarse and selfish mob,
And the church that is to prosper
Needs the laymen on the job.

Now a layman has his business, And a layman has his joys, But he also has the training Of his little girls and boys, And I wonder how he likes it. If there were no churches here And he had to raise the children In a godless atmosphere.

It's the church's special function,
To uphold the finer things,
To teach the way of living,
From which all that's noble springs.
But the ministers can't do it
Single-handed and alone,
For the laymen of the country
Are the church's cornerstone.

When you see a church that's empty, Though its doors are open wide, It's not the church that's dying, It's the laymen who have died. For it's not by song or sermon That the church's work is done, It's the laymen of the country, Who for God must carry on.

-Edgar A. Guest.

#### A Big Name

Scientists in labeling the little daisy have given it a big name—Bellis Perennis. The Latin student can tell you that it means the flower is "pretty all the year." Some flowers are only found in the spring, some in the summer, and some in autumn or winter, but not so with the daisy. In spite of the difficulties Old Man Winter brings, the daisy still blossoms—even in the snow.

Some people are like the daisy—they are good Christians all the time in spite of difficulties. But some people are good Christians only as long as things go well with them. A slight wintery blast of difficulty makes them act like one of Satan's children. Let us be *Bellis Perennis* Christians.

# Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## 987 Billion Spent in U.S. in Five War Years

Nearly \$1,000,000,000,000 was spent in this country during the six defense and war years.

The exact amount, as computed by treasury analysts, was \$987,000,000,000 expended during the calendar years 1940 through 1945.

The federal government, carrying the burden of arming and fighting costs, spent \$365,000,000,000, about three-eighths of the total.

State and local governments – cities and counties – spent about \$50,000,000,000.

Individuals and corporations spent the remaining \$572,000,000,000, putting up \$517,000,000,000 for consumers' goods and services and \$55,000,000,-000 for production equipment.

It Costs You \$40 a Year

The net national debt is now approximately \$255,000,000,000 and it rose more than \$1,000,000,000 in July. The share of each man, woman, and child in the United States is about \$1,900 and the annual interest charge for each person is in round sum, \$40.

Our Crop of Religious Illiterates

In our public schools the pupil comes into contact with every major social interest—save one.

We have excluded all instruction in religion from general education, therefore religion is thus discounted in the eyes of youth. It does not seem important. As a result, recent generations of American youth have grown up ignorant of religion and indifferent to it.

What is the answer? The modern home is notoriously incompetent in teaching religion. The Sunday School, meeting one hour a week, manned by volunteer teachers, is little more than a gesture toward education. A way must be found, therefore, to incorporate the teaching of religion in the public school system if we are to reverse the downward trend of religious literacy and of respect for religion itself.

The function of the school is to provide the child with the knowledge that will initiate him into an intelligent participation in the cultural values and the practical responsibilities which make up the life of the community. But the school does not seem to know that there is such a thing as religion in American society. It does not see the millions going to the churches. It does not ask why they go. To ask such questions and to answer them is forbidden by our educational system.

The schools do not exclude political science because the community is divided into Republicans, Democrats, and the rest. Nor does it exclude economics because there are capitalists and socialists in the community. If these controversial subject matters can be taught without doing violence to partisan prejudices, religion can also be taught without doing violence to the beliefs of Protestants, Catholics, and Jews.

The possession of knowledge about religion will not, of course, guarantee religious faith or devotion, but one thing is sure; religion and morality cannot remain positive forces while we continue to allow our children to grow up in religious illiteracy.

#### War Blow May Fall From North

General H. H. Arnold, wartime chief of the army air forces, says he believes any future blow against the United States "will come from across the Polar regions, not by way of the seas."

Predicting future atomic bombs, "may well be 1,000 times as destructive" as those exploded over Japan.

Later, in the speech before the Institute of Aeronautical Science, he predicted "Invasion of the stratosphere" by "true space ships capable of one or more trips around the world."

"You and I know that this is not an idle fantasy," he told engineers attending institute sessions on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California. "There is a real possibility of developing a rocket-propelled vehicle which

will climb above the atmosphere at such a velocity its centrifugal force balances the attraction of gravity. I am told the velocity is of the order of 26,000 feet per second, about five times that already attained by the V2 (German rocket bomb)."

Tomorrow's Gangsters

In the latter part of the 1930's when the police spoke of juvenile delinquency they meant youths from 16 to 18 years. Today they mean "kids," from seven to fifteen years.

Not only has the age limit fallen; the type of crime has grown worse. Such wild and savage destruction, sadistic cruelty, vicious vandalism were unknown ten years ago. Something has happened—and the police do not like the picture.

When children go wrong, they be have as if possessed. Last Halloween was the most destructive the nation has ever known. Choose any city you wish,

the story will be the same.

Another thing that troubles the police is the sadistic streak in many of these children. We are told by the psychologists that all children love animals, but a group which stole dogs, took them into the woods, put wires around their necks, hung them to a tree, and lighted a fire under the suffering animals rather confounds the psychologists. Those children were all under 15.

Look at the figures published by the Department of Justice, 1944 as compared with 1929, which show these increases in crimes committed by boys from ten to 18; murder up 47 per cent; rape up 69 per cent; assaults up 71 per cent. Sex crimes other than rape had risen 61 per cent. For girls of the same age range, sex offenses and prostitution rose 375 per cent. Drunkenness mounted 174 per cent. Children today are committing 56 per cent of all crimes.

These are not all underprivileged children. Child offenders come from good homes as frequently as from "bad" homes.

One young desperado aged seven with two pals had stolen governments documents, which they destroyed, and committed 20 robberies. He stuck his tongue out when caught and said "You can't do anything to me! I'm under seven." Others, guilty of major crime,

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